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SUBJECT: MOROCCANS CONTINUE TO URGE EXPEDITED U.S. ARMS DELIVERIES

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1. AT A DINNER DECEMBER 26, GENERAL MOULAY HAFID, MINISTER OF ROYAL PROTOCOL, RAISED QUESTION OF EXPEDITED U.S. ARMS DELIVERIES TO MOROCCO. HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT USG WOULD DO ALL IT COULD TO MEET MOROCCAN NEEDS AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. I NOTED THAT WE HAD HEARD FROM SENIOR MILITARY OFFICERS ALONG THESE LINES, BUT THAT HIS WAS FIRST TIME PALACE HAD RAISED SUBJECT. MOULAY HAFID STATED CATEGORICALLY THAT SENIOR MOROCCAN MILITARY OFFICERS SUCH AS COLONEL KABBAJ SPOKE WITH FULL AUTHORITY OF KING HASSAN IN URGING EXPEDITED DELIVERIES.

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2. COMMENT: MOULAY HAFID'S INITIATIVE ELIMINATES POSSIBILITY OF A DICHOTOMY BETWEEN PROFESSIONAL

MILITARY LEADERSHIP AND POLITICAL LEVELS, WHICH WE HAD
CONSIDERED IN OUR PREVIOUS ANALYSIS (REFTEL). WE CAN
PROBABLY EXPECT TO RECEIVE FURTHER HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL
URGING, PARTICULARLY WITH TENSIONS WITH ALGERIA
CONTINUING TO CAUSE CONCERN.
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